

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An ink jet recording apparatus capable of preventing defective idle suction, comprises a cap movable toward/backward an ejection port surface of a recording head for capping the ejection port surface, 5 an absorbing member chamber opened to the ejection port surface, a suction port formed through the bottom of the absorbing member chamber, an ink suction means connected to the suction port, and an 10 ink absorbing member disposed in the absorbing member chamber. In the apparatus, the absorbing member comprises a first absorbing portion covering approximately the entire region in the absorbing member chamber and a second absorbing portion in 15 intimate contact with the suction port.